

NSC BRIEFING

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PROJECTION OF SOVIET STRENGTH OUTWARD

- I. Current Soviet effort to intervene openly in world affairs based on confidence about internal strength and ability to take fast advantage of apparent chinks in Western armor.
  - A. Emphasis on Geneva spirit increases disenchantment with apparent Western emphasis on military security and reliance on nuclear weapons.
  - B. Among younger nations and under-developed countries, USSR can capitalize on anti-colonialism, both for its own effects and for its divisive effect on the Western allies.
  - C. Widespread hope for negotiated settlement wears away public support for

DOCUMENT NO. 16 Western resolve to maintain status quo.

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II. Launching of intensive ~~TOP SECRET~~ arms sales campaign --using the Satellites as front men--is a means of penetrating--for obvious political motives--into areas which have so far resisted Soviet blandishments, even Latin America.

A. As of 7 November, re-newed Czech attempts to sell arms to Ecuador seen by Ecuadoran official as an effort "to fo as they did in Guatemala by selling arms and influencing officials."

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